

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

Washington, DC 20515-3218

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Hon. Loretta E. Lynch, Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Lynch,

I write to follow-up on my previous correspondence related to the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) application submitted by the Poughkeepsie Police Department.

As you may be aware, the Poughkeepsie Police Department is in desperate need of assistance. Since the Department submitted its CHP application, the City of Poughkeepsie has had nine shootings, two of which were homicides. Each of the incidents took place in areas where the CHP application would allow for intensified patrols and increased community policing. These shootings and the overall increase in violent crime has unfolded less than one month after the application was submitted for your review, and the frequency of such events continues to accumulate as time goes on. These incidents, along with the all-time low level of staffing, make the Poughkeepsie Police Department's application extremely competitive.

In addition, your assistance to the City of Poughkeepsie would result in an increase in the size-of-force of its Police Department, and allow for a more focused effort to identify known hot-spots throughout the city. Award of this application would help to disrupt and dismantle the increasingly high level of violence and facilitate community interaction and policing practices that are currently unavailable. These efforts would not only help the city to supplement its current patrols and in doing so alleviate financial constraints placed upon the Department due to the increase in crime, but also more significantly eliminate the disconnect with the community and restore proactive community policing practices. As you can see, your assistance would be a wise and sound investment made in a city whose future remains promising and hopeful.

Therefore, I am offering my strong support of this application. I am calling for an expedited review based upon the aforementioned extenuating circumstances and critical need for assistance. Thank you for your continued support to our law enforcement community. Should you have any questions, or if I can be of additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney  
Member of Congress